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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. A Sun and Shield.—The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Psalm 84:11.

TIME TO TALK PLAINLY. Cordell Hull, new chairman of the National Democratic organization, makes a terrific arraignment of the Republican party and its policies in the late campaign as well as its record so far made during this administration.

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WHY NOT BOUND FORWARD?

When one surveys the uncounted resources of this country, the marvelous position of leadership it occupies among all the nations of the world in the way of raw materials and capacity to convert these into the finished fabrics which society demands, one wonders what it is that is holding us back, that will not permit us to bound forward at a pace unparalleled in the history of this republic.

COMING OF MR. MAXWELL.

It is a great pity that it will not be possible, or at least expedient, to allow A. J. Maxwell, when he comes to Charlotte Jan. 11, to address a popular meeting instead of merely the membership of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers Association, under the auspices of which organization he is coming.

GUBERNATORIAL FATALITIES.

A strange fatality seems to pursue the distinguished sons of the State who are made its chief executives. The sudden, unexpected passing of the lamented Governor Bickett brings strongly to mind the Providence that appears to follow those who leave the Raleigh mansion. Going back to the days of Governor Aycock, who died within a comparatively short time after he left the office, there was Governor Glenn who was not permitted for long to mingle with his people after leaving the executive chair, although longer than Aycock.

Governor Kitchin followed Glenn to Raleigh and left the office broken in health, although still living. Governor Kitchin has not been physically fit for full-sized labor since he was Governor. The same is true of Governor Craig who was Governor next and who has been in a condition of ill health since he laid aside the executive crosier, at times his life being despaired of. Then came Governor Bickett who was allowed to live but for a space of a few months after he returned to private life.

The only two ex-governors of North Carolina who are now living, therefore, are Kitchin and Craig, both of them were so shattered in health when they came back to their respective homes that, since then, they have been almost completely on the retired list, although both occasionally have been heard from.

There is no reasonable explanation of this strange fate which seems to be following the Governors of the State aside from that indefinable something that is decreed for the sons of men by a higher agency than that of man. The office itself, while of exacting demands, is not so notably beset with difficulties that it would undermine the physical stamina of its occupants, taken separately from other engagements incidentally to it. Of course, in both the cases of Craig and Kitchin, strenuous campaigns in connection with their candidacies and a somewhat strenuous continuance of public speaking served greatly to deplete their physical strength.

While not disposed to analyze critically the attitude France is taking in the Washington conference, for reasons elsewhere pointed out in these columns, it is a little perplexing to know where France expects to get the money which must be forthcoming if it carries out the naval program now being considered. If France is so flush, it might be well for her statesmen to be considering that amount of money they owe America and at least take some steps to pay the interest on it, if not the principal.

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The incident is taken by some of the correspondents to indicate that Mr. Wilson is "coming back" not, of course, in the sense that he will ever again physically be able to assume any place of leadership in his party or in the nation, but in the sense that he is coming back into the affections of the people and into their endorsement of his policies and practices.

We don't think Mr. Wilson is coming back to the people quite so much as we are sure the people are going back to him. It is the people who have been away. They have followed the flesh-pots and deserted him and the right and the truth and the way to national life. They are trooping back to find him standing where he has always stood, on the pillar of a Gibraltar unmoved by the causticisms of men, fearless of their anathemas and unaffected in that unconquerable spirit that has enabled him to stand heroic and adamant in the face of the most merciless onslaught of mudslinging to which any American President has ever been subjected.

HANGED ON ITS OWN GALLOWES.

It does not lie in the mouth of any American to criticize the French for having wantonly wrecked the plan for a limitation of armaments. It was generally conceded from the outset that somebody would wreck it, but few thought it would be France. Almost everybody believed it would more likely be Japan. The French, nevertheless, have about turned the trick and left the American plan of disarmament stranded on the rocks.

France has done, therefore, for America in its ambitions to lead the nations into a general scheme of disarmament what America did for the nations in refusing to come into the league of nations. That is the Nemesis of the present situation. Chickens have come home to roost. The gallows that Haman built for Mordecai was the scaffold on which Haman himself was hanged. Nations can sow the wind and reap the whirlwind just as well as individuals. The law of retribution has not been dropped from the statute books of God.

SCATTERING DIVIDENDS.

Charlotte banks are scattering quite a bit of money to their stockholders for the beginning of the New Year, an aggregate sum of nearly \$200,000 representing the dividends to be mailed out Saturday night of this week. The banks have passed through a strenuous year, but appear to be exceedingly prosperous, as these dividend checks bear out.

It has been a year of uncertainty for them, one that demanded close, rigid attention to business and one that called chiefly for consideration and forbearance in dealing with their clientele. But for their kindness and long-suffering, coupled with the elasticity of the currency system under which National Banks and Trust companies are operating that belong to the Federal reserve system, the people of this community, merchants, business men and all others who have to depend upon their bankers for a little aid occasionally, would have found themselves in right much perplexity.

CITY PUBLICITY.

It is gratifying that the Chamber of Commerce proposes to make publicity of Charlotte one of its attainments during the new year. Charlotte has not been wiven the sort of publicity it ought to have had for the past several years, largely, we take it, for the reason that the times have been so confused and there have been so many other things for the Chamber of Commerce to do that it had to leave this off until a more convenient season. That the moment has arrived to return to this normal function of such a body seems to be indicated by a decision of the directors to make this one of the big undertakings of another year.

There are right and wrong sorts of publicity, a definite, concise, properly directed publicity that is worth all it may cost and that strikes the mark. There is another sort of a hit-and-miss variety, indiscriminately-directed, improperly-conceived and shot at random which hits where it is aimed,—at nothing. It does no good at all and represents merely a throwing away of money. Charlotte has all the advantages that any community needs to have to justify a liberal program of municipal advertisement, publicity of a sane, dignified, well-defined sort and a program that will be worth more than can be forecast in the continued development of the community. It is, therefore, very satisfying that the Chamber of Commerce has its eye on this sort of activity and proposes to launch forth into this enterprise with a zeal and a determination that will make its efforts count.

A NEW THEATRE.

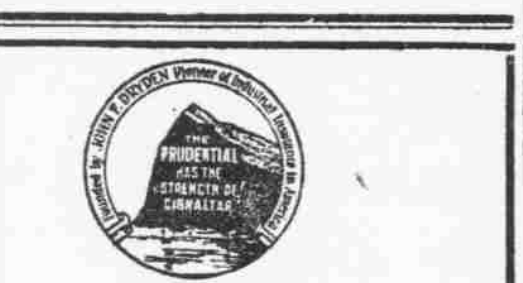
The Chamber of Commerce will find the people of Charlotte with it in the movement to bring about the construction of a modern theatre in Charlotte during the coming year.

We have had a lot of talk about such an institution; it is now time to have some definite action. There is no reason in the world that Charlotte should not boast a well-equipped, modern, commodious opera house. The time is ripe for the establishment of such an institution.

The city auditorium, which is now being used for the occasional theatre company that has the daring to try to unfold its wares in that sort of a barn is generally regarded as being unfitted for this purpose and it is unfair to the shows as well as to the patrons of such to have no better place than that for this sort of an entertainment.

There is the feeling in stage circles that the footlights are going to blink again throughout the United States in the course of a few years, that while the movies have not by any means run their course, they are soon to share more liberally with the spoken word on the stage and that the great theatres of other days is to be revived. When that time comes, it would be well for Charlotte to have made ready for the renaissance and to have provided a suitable theatre for the companies that will send their stars and their troupes through the South. Otherwise, we will let some other city closely proximate to us get what is deservedly ours in this respect.

The selection of J. D. Norwood of Salisbury as successor of Thomas D. Warren, State chairman of the democratic organization brings into that office a business man of successful attainments and an upstanding, courageous, progressive-minded Democrat under whose administration the party ought to be able to continue its majestic sweep forward.



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SOCIETY BEAUTY, FORMER ACTRESS, SUES BISHOP ON SLANDER CHARGE



Mrs. Marion McAllister Smith.

Alleging conspiracy on the part of the Right Rev. Herbert Shipman, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, Mme. Anne Guerin and Maurice Leon, representatives of the French government, and others to slander and blacken her reputation by representing her as a notorious French courtesan, Mrs. Marion McAllister Smith, formerly Miss Mercedes Hearne, member of a prominent Texas family, has brought suit against them in New York city. She asks \$200,000 damages.

HEART AND HOME PROBLEMS

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

Dear Mrs. Thompson: My daughter is to be married the first of January. Her wedding is rather sudden although she has been engaged for some time. Her fiancé has had a promotion which will enable him to marry at once.

I am a widow and all of my children are married or living away from home except this daughter. She and her husband refused to live with me, but they have invited me to live with them. They say, however, that they want to start life with their own things and do not want the old furniture, pictures, etc., in my home. If I go to them I will have to sell or store my belongings. I don't know what to do about it, and want your advice. MOTHER.

Keep your own things and your own home as long as you can. I am sure that you will be happier that way than to give up everything that is yours in order to be with your daughter. Besides, it will be better for her if she and her husband can start out alone. Give them a few years by themselves. After children come conditions will be different and if you want to go to them then there will be more chance for you to be happy together. The old saying that two is a couple and three is a crowd is especially true when a young couple starts housekeeping.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl fifteen years old. Would it be all right to walk home from school with a boy? My parents object to my going with boys. I go to the show Wednesday night and my sister goes with me. If she sees anything out of the way she comes home and tells my parents. Would it be all right for a boy to bring me home from the show? BROWN EYES.

You are too young to give so much thought to boys. Walk home from school with your girl friends and enjoy them for a few years longer. You will grow old soon enough. Your parents are right in thinking you are still too young to go with boys.

Yes, you are too young to let a boy take you home from the show. Be satisfied to have your sister with you. Some girls of your age are not.

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